

Concrete Poetry Worksheet

Some poets create poems where shape matters as much as words. These poems rely on the eye to provide much of the meaning, leaving the ear in a “vacuum”. You will make the word “act out” its meaning. For example:

small large

1. Now do the same exercise with the following words. Repeat the words if useful in making your point.

Square

Explode

Giraffe

Smile

Fade

Break

Ouch

Rocket

Shrink

Melt

2. Next, try a more difficult version. Write a small poem about rain and arrange it in the form of raindrops.
3. Do the same for a sport and arrange the words in the form of a ball or racket.